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Rep. Kitchens Statement on State of the State

Madison- State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement after Governor Walker’s State of the State address to the joint session of the Wisconsin State Legislature:

“After listening to Governor Walker give his address, I am proud of the state of our state and enthusiastic about its future. Wisconsin continues to maintain a strong financial foothold while our economy and jobs climate continues to improve. In the last 6 years we have decreased taxes by nearly \$5 billion, putting taxpayer money back in to taxpayer pockets. Wisconsin’s unemployment rate also continues to decline, well below the national average. It is evident that our reforms are working. With that said, there is still much for us to do to make the lives of Wisconsin taxpayers better. Freeing individuals from regulatory burden and making government as efficient and effective as possible remains crucial.

“As the session begins, I look forward to leading the charge on modernizing the K-12 funding formula. This is my top priority heading into this session. For fifteen years I served as a member of school board where I dealt with a variety of issues facing teachers, parents and students. In addition to chairing the Children and Families committee, I will continue to serve as the vice chair of the important Committee on Education. I know that my real life experience and expertise will serve these committees well.

I feel honored and privileged to be given another opportunity to serve the people of the 1st assembly district. I look forward to working with the governor and my colleagues in the Assembly and Senate to continue moving Wisconsin forward.”

Representative Kitchens serves as the Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Children and Families and Vice-Chair on the Assembly Committee on Education. Additionally, Representative Kitchens is on the following committees: Agriculture, Environment and Forestry, Tourism, Financial Institutions.

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